THE DAILY INDEPENDENT.

VOL. 4. NO. 209 MONESSEN, PA., MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1906. SIX CENTS THE WEEK

MONESSEN OPERA HOUSE.

THE GREAT MELO-DRAMA "IN A WOMAN'S POWER."

With Mr. True S. James in the great character of "Fiddlestrings," and Miss Louise Ripley in the character of "Kavonna." Supported by an all Star Cast of Metropolitan Players.

The piece abounds with thrilling climaxes and stirring situations.

TUESDAY MARCH 6

MEETS DEATH IN MINES.

Fifty-eight Empty Coal Cars Pass Over Man's Body, Literally Cutting it to Pieces.

A Polish man whose name is so far unknown met death in a tragic manner Thursday evening at the Ella Mines just as he was preparing to leave the pit. He had already stopped work and had started out when the last trip a string of empty cars suddenly appeared. The man was evidently too bewildered to act for the cars struck him and the entire number 8 passed over his helpless body litterly cutting it to peices, he was mangled beyond recognition.

His remains were picked up, some difficulty being experienced in finding the severed members and taken to Donora where they were prepared for burial. The man had been in the employ of the ., but a few days and was a stranger re. It was learned from his boarding house however that he leaves a wife and several children who are now on their way to this country. Interment took place Saturday afternoon in the Catholic cemetery at Donora.

"In A Woman's Power."

In A Woman's Power" is a melodrama of the highest order, full of striking situations, startling episodes which carry the audience entirely into realism and cause r hearts to beat anxiously for the ...s of the hero and heroine. Mr. True ...mes will appear as "Fiddlestrings" hero, and it is understood that Mr. ...s is an actor who possesses the very y of being also a violinist, and in the character of Fiddlestrings, he will render al melodies which are supposed to part of the action of the play. The ...ement of Mr. James and his splendid ...any in "In A Woman's Power" is ...look forward to, from the fact that ...mes is classed among the best actors ...American stage. In this play he ...nate in having a most suitable role ...e that straitway finds the heart of ...itor, as "Fiddlestrings" is a char... ew to the stage and one that will ...most interesting. The engage... for Tuesday March 6, at Monessen ...ouse.

...ife Sells Household Goods.

... Mike Cleary returned to his ... Donora, the other day, after a ... days' "jag" he was astonished to ... his wife and family and household goods were missing.

... had been absent for several days, ... wife, becoming impatient with ... faithful husband, went to the ... the mill where Cleary is employed ...ed his two weeks' pay and had ...charged, returned home and sold ...ousehold goods, took her belong... three children and took her de... after turning the water on.

...eturned home, found the house ...d flooded with water. He is ... find any trace of his wife and

...inehart And Daughter Home.

... E. Rinehart and daughter ...arrived home this morning ac... by Mr. Rinehart. They ...shed the course of treatment ...mpletely cured. They enjoy health and are extremely glad to Monessen once more.

...ebowitz has just purchased ...iosity in the form of a Cioch ... species is becoming scarce, ...ebowitz prizes it very highly ...nplates exhibiting it at the

Mrs. J. D. Beery and daugh... ...harles Rogers of Romney, W. ... town, the guests of their ...d son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. ...s. They will also spend a ...ith their sons, Wilbur and ..., who are employed at Roger's

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Harry Grant was a Belle Vernon visitor yesterday.

Get a pound of 60c candy for 40c at LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

Fred M. Smith spent Sunday with his parents at McKeesport.

Prof. R W. Himelick is a business visitor to Pittsburg today.

Toilet articles are a specialty with us—LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

Dr. O. J. Kreager made a business trip to Pittsburg this morning.

Mrs. Marie Janovitz was in McKeesport yesterday calling on friends.

The Apollo Chocolate Candy for judges of good candy at Kirk's Drug Store.

David Goodman and daughter spent Sunday with relatives at McKeesport.

Jos. McMahon, clerk at Litzinger's Pharmacy, was in Charleroi over Sunday.

Take your prescription to LIGHT LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

Walter Thompson of Glassport, was circulating among friends in town yesterday.

Mrs. Ann Tucker is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. J. O. Tosh of Braddock.

Dr. Barben, Dentist — Porcelain crowns that look and wear as good as natural teeth $5.00.

Miss Alberta Beazell, of Belle Vernon, spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Sarah Melenizer.

Grover Baker has returned to his home at Point Marion, after a few days' visit in Monessen.

Everybody's talking about the Apollo Chocolate Candy. See it at Kirk's Drug Store.

J. L. Nayhouse, the ex-shoe man, now of McKeesport, is a business visitor in town today.

Earl Shepler and wife were in West Newton over Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Shepler's parents.

Try the Monessen Laundry special lace curtain department, satisfaction guaranteed. 2-tf

Miss Mary Coleman, stenographer at the Tin Plate Mill, was visiting friends in McKeesport over Sunday.

Mrs. Daniel Jones and son, Daniel, Jr, were visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Morrison, of Roscoe, over Sunday.

If it's Apollo Chocolate Candy, it's good. Ask Kirk about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hagans of E. E. Pittsburg, spent Sunday here, the guest of the latter's sister, Mrs. W. A. Savage.

See the Apollo, the new line of Chocolate Candy in Kirk' window.

Jake Entinger of this place and James Houck of California, were calling on friends in Pittsburg and Braddock yesterday.

See the Apollo, the new line of Chocolate Candy in Kirk's window.

Eckles McDowell has resigned his position with A. P. Music and left for Roscoe where he has accepted a position at the Roscoe Bakery.

A diamond ring is being raffled off for the benefit of a widow. Tickets run from 5c to 50c and are on sale at the Capitol Billiard rooms.

If it's Apollo Chocolate Candy, it's good. Ask Kirk about it.

A valuable mule belonging to Spielman, the pop man, was kicked by its mate yesterday, resulting in a broken leg. It had to be shot.

John K. Prather and Frank Henry were passengers on the early train to Webster, where they have the contract for papering several residences.

The Apollo Chocolate Candy, the kind that's distinctive. Take a package home to your wife tonight. Kirk's Drug store.

Oliver Krepps, Chas. Baker, Frank Forsythe and Robt. Givens have resigned their positions in the local tin mill and have accepted similar ones in Pittsburg.

M. Meyers dressed one of his large windows today with the advance styles in spring hats. The new effects are pleasing and the window is very tastefully arranged.

BIG CROWD AT MASS MEETING

Interesting Lecture by Rev. Pershing D. D.---Quite a Number Signed Remonstrances.

The mass meeting held in the opera house yesterday was well attended, a good sized and interested audience hearing Rev. Pershing's address. After the lecture a collection was taken to defray expenses. Temperance pledges were also distributed. The audience was then requested to sign remonstrances against the granting of liquor licenses to the five new applicants in town, also several of the applicants for renewal. Rev. Pershing pleased the audience by his quaint and forceful illustrations.

The music and soloists engaged for the occasion failed to appear, sending their regrets. A very unfortunate circumstance which to some extent marred the success of the affair, was the proximity of a brass band which persisted in practicing during the early part of the lecture. The Ministerial Association finally prevailed upon them to desist.

Rev. Pershing is a resident of Greensburg and has been closely identified with temperance work for some time.

WEBSTER NOTES.

James Conroy and wife were spending Sunday in Monessen with friends.

M. Bernading was a guest of the Eagles club at Donora over Sunday.

Miss Emma Garner was calling on friends in Donora yesterday.

Miss Eva McDonald, stenoghragher for the Pittsburg Coal Co., is unable to attend to her duties on account of illness.

A party of young people numbering about 17 represented our town at the Monessen Theatre Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McMahan were visiting the latter's parents at Elizabeth over Sunday.

Mr. Herman Steppling, of Pittsburg who has been visiting his cousin Mrs. Geo. Vogel, at the Union Hotel for the past few days, has returned home.

Msss Etta Thomas who was recently taken to North Carolina for her health died there yesterday morning. Miss Thomas who was 18 years of age was loved and respected by all, and her untimely death is mourned by a host of friends. The remains will be brought home today. Interment will be made in Gilmore's cemetery.

The citizens of Webster, especially the Gas consumers, are loud in their protests against the conduct of the Gas Co. shutting off the pressure and before notifying the consumers again turning it on, this is extremely dangerous and should be stopped at once before some serious explosion takes place which is enevitable if the present practice is continued.

Council to be Re-organized Tonight.

Council meets this evening in special session for the purpose of re-organization. The new Burgess will be sworn in and the offices of treasurer, solicitor, clerk, engineer and chief of police filled for the coming year. The names of the candidates for the various offices have not been made public.

Remodeling Buildings.

Work was commenced this morning on remodeling the Eggers & Graham building located at 4th Street and Donner. The present building will be turned into store rooms, the Co. having vacated the premises so far as their own use is concerned. The new rooms will be completed as soon as possible.

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Letter to John Reed.

Monessen, Pa.

Dear Sir: Thomas J Bannon, druggist Westerly, R I, says:

Westerly painters expect a gallon of paint to cover 19 sets of blinds; Devoe covers 25; there is no such thing as rubbing this out.

(The usual reckoning is for a gallon to cover 16. We suspect the Westerly people don't wear their paint till it gets very shabby.)

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To Let—Furnished room with or without board. Call at Independent office. 9 t

For Rent—Two unfurnished rooms on 426 McKee avenue, near 4th Street. 2.

To Let—Furnished rooms with bath privileges; inquire Mrs. Johnston, 539 Schoonmaker avenue.

Wanted—Girls to do advertizing and travel out of city. Salary and expenses. Inquire Donovan hotel, 8 to 10 a. m., 4 to 8 p. m.

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EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION.

Its Origin One of the Unsolved Enigmas of the World.

The origin of Egyptian civilization has been the enigma of the world for the past twenty-five centuries. Presenting no historic or even mythic infancy, it appears before the world at once as a highly civilized and organic community centuries before Moses was a boy. Upon this subject Renan says, "Egypt has no archaic epoch, but suddenly takes its place in the world in all its matchless magnificence, without father and without mother and as clean apart from all evolution as if it had dropped from the unknown heavens." Would not an explanation at least feasible be found in the hypothesis that it received its civilization from some source no longer existing? Menes, the first historic figure in its long line of dynasties, the outlines of whose personality loom up waveringly indefinite but grandly impressive against the deep mythic background of prehistoric story at least 4500 B. C., conceived and executed enterprises extorting the warmest admiration from the best engineers of the twentieth century. Did he not alter the course of the Nile by vast embankments to gain stable foundations other than in shifting sands for his sacred city of Memphis and construct the artificial lake of Moeris, 450 miles in circumference and 350 feet deep, as a reservoir for the waters of the Nile?

Look, too, at the colossal achievements of his successors in architecture, sculpture, engineering, astronomical, political, medical, social and military science, to say nothing of navigation and theology. Witness the ruins of the Labyrinth recorded by Herodotus, which had 3,000 chambers, half of them above ground and half below, a combination of courts, chambers, colonnades, statues and pyramids. Witness the wonders of the magnificent temple of Karnak, which still awakens our admiration, a temple, as Denon says, wherein the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris could be set inside one of its halls and yet not touch the walls. Witness the sublime pyramids originally built in honor of the sun god Ra and for use as astronomical observatories, the splendors of Memphis, Thebes and Heliopolis, of the sphinx and the obelisks, the statuary and the numerous temples with the ruins of which the land is still filled.—Exchange.

Winter Fishing.

Winter fishing has one merit, which all true sportsmen will recognize as such—namely, considerable uncertainty. One day you may fish certain waters—whether deep or shallow, whether weedy or free—and well nigh draw a blank, while the very next day the same waters will give rich finny returns. What is more strange is that not seldom on the same day there will be good luck in different depths and varying waters of the same lake or pond, and observation through the clear black ice of early winter or late autumn has convinced the writer that these mystic fishy moods of biting in winter are almost or quite independent of the movements of the schools of "bait" fish. About all that can be said on such points in the way of general suggestion is that winter fish bite usually better on a mild day than a cold one, best of all during a gentle thaw; that they take the bait more freely under thin ice—that is, in early winter—than after the ice has thickened, and that they appear to be quite unaffected by noise, such as the rumble of skates or the gentle thunder of the "settling" ice. It is certain that some of the best strings of a lifetime have been taken when the fun of skating could be joined with that of watching the lines.—Outing Magazine.

Old Mirror Superstitions.

The mistrust of the ghostly mirror is so old and so far spread that we meet with it in the folklore of every land. An old tradition warns us that the new moon, which brings us such good fortune when we look at it in the calm evening sky, carries a message of evil to those who see it first reflected in a looking glass. For such unlucky mortals it is said that the lunar virus distills slow poison and corroding care. And, again, it is declared that the friends who glance at their reflections standing side by side are doomed to quick dissension. In Scandinavia the Swedish girl who looks into her glass by candlelight is told that she risks the loss of her lover. One superstition in this connection that seems to be almost universal is that it is very unlucky for a bride to see herself in a mirror after her toilet is completed. If she be discreet she will turn away from that fair picture which pleases her so well and then draw on her glove or have some tiny ribbon, flower or jewel fastened to her gown that the sour fates may be appeased and evil turned away from the threshold.

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For Brownsville and intermediate stations 6:30, 8:01, 9:58, a. m., 12:36, 2:52, 5:07, 8:58, p. m., 11:15 night week-days. Sundays 8:16, 11:25 a. m., 3:02, 6:51, 11:40 p. m.

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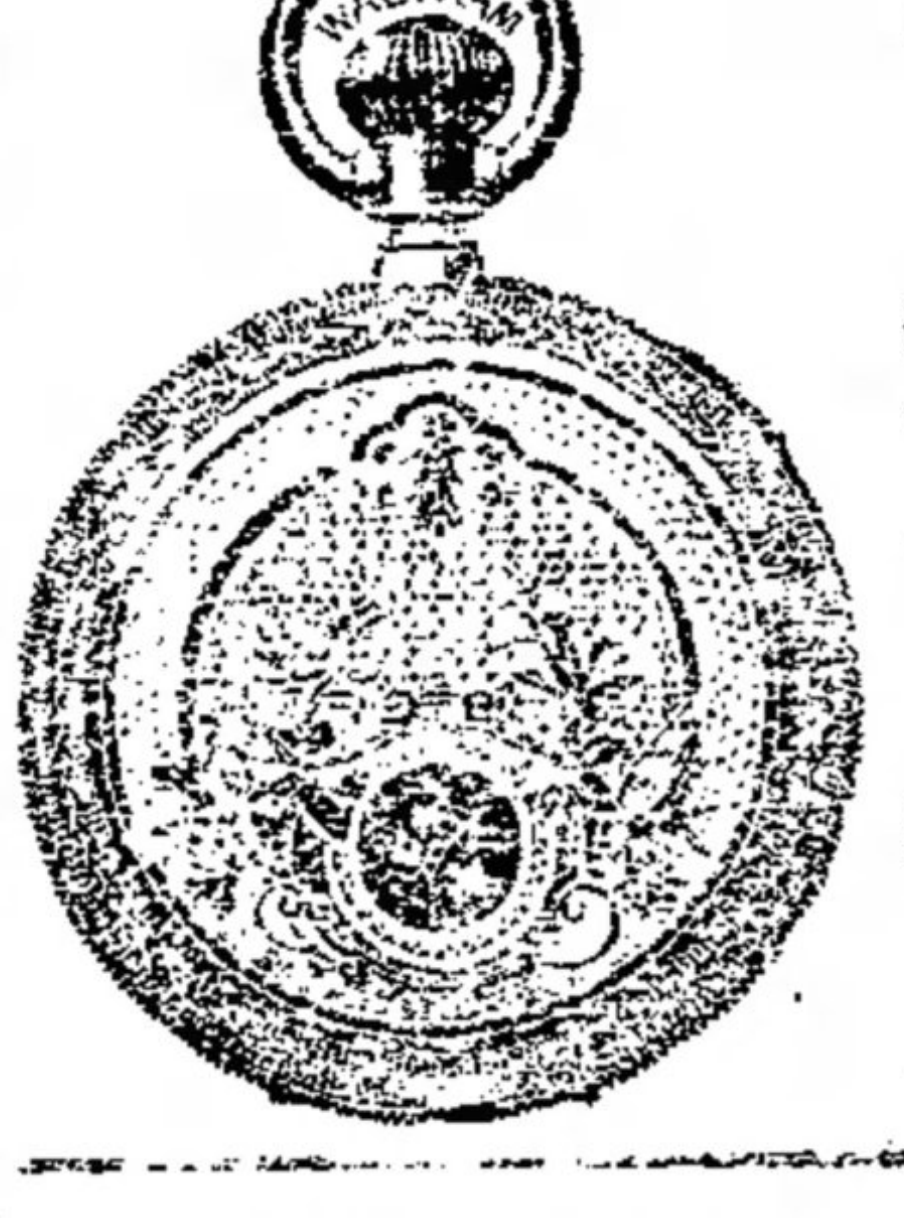

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When Lung Sing Whistled

By CLAUDE PAMARES

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The foreman at the Star ranch had come up to the house in the middle of the afternoon on some errand, and as he passed the cook house where Lung Sing was scouring his pots and pans he heard a sound that caused him to stop in his tracks and exclaim:

"Well, I'll be hanged!"

Lung Sing was whistling. He had been cook at Star ranch for over a year and had never been heard to whistle before. Indeed, he never hummed, never smiled, never talked unless directly spoken to. He was put down as surly and crossgrained, but as he was a good cook and as none of the men cared a copper whether he talked or not he still held his place.

"What's the matter?" asked Colonel Spear's wife, who was mistress of the ranch, as the foreman finally reached the door.

"That heathen back there is whistling."

"Well, can't a heathen whistle?"

"There is no law against it, but Lung Sing has been here over a year, and this is his first toot. Wonder what has happened to chirk him up?"

"I can't say. I had him in here an hour ago and told him that he'd have to take the buckboard tomorrow morning and drive over to Pine Hill to meet Fannie Williams. She's coming on to stay with us a month or two, you know. They think something is the matter with her lungs, and the doctor has recommended this climate. The colonel has got to go over to Wolf Creek, and, of course, the rest of you are busy."

"But—but I don't like the idea," said the foreman as he scratched his head.

"Why don't you?"

"Because Lung Sing is whistling. When a heathen whistles look out for him."

The woman laughed and turned away, and a minute later the foreman was walking off. He passed the cook house again, and the Chinman was still whistling softly to himself.

"He's at it again, and I'll bet he's up to some deviltry. I'll tell the boys to keep an eye on him."

As soon as he had cooked the men's breakfast next morning Lung Sing set out on his ten mile drive to the railroad. He was given many words of caution by the colonel's wife, and he promised over again to drive slowly and bring the girl and her trunk safely to the ranch. His face was as impassive as a washboard until he had left the house half a mile behind him; then he puckered his mouth and began to whistle. Between whistles he grinned and smiled

An hour and a half later he drove up to the little station on the plains, and when the train came in his passenger stepped from one of the parlor cars. Lung Sing welcomed her with a grunt. He grunted again as he put her baggage aboard the vehicle, and he put on a blank look as the station agent said to the girl:

"I suppose he's the cook over at the Star and they sent him because all the others were busy."

"Oh, I'll excuse him," laughed the girl as she settled herself. And next moment Lung Sing was driving away.

It was in June, and the weather was cool and pleasant, and the girl almost forgot the man beside her as mile after mile was passed. Once or twice she was conscious that he was whistling, but as she didn't know whether Chinamen usually whistled or not she did not give the matter a second thought. She had been informed by letter that the drive from the station to the ranch house would not occupy over two hours at the farthest. That meant her arrival by noon. Her watch showed her when that hour had come round, but she could see no sign of civilization. In fact, she saw that the vehicle had left the road, such as it was, and was proceeding over the unmarked plains.

"Are we almost there?" she asked as she turned to Lung Sing and spoke for the first time since leaving the station.

"Lille while—lille while," he replied as he stared straight ahead.

"But how is it that you are off the road?"

"Load alle light."

A minute later the Chinaman was whistling. It wasn't the honest whistle of an American, but there was something hypocritical and deceiving about it. The girl had nothing further to say. The man would not have been sent if he hadn't been all right, and if he had left the track it was probably to take a short cut and reach the house all the sooner. It was not until her watch marked 1 o'clock and the vehicle was being driven among the scrub pines and cedars, along a stretch of foothills, that the girl turned and seized Lung Sing by the arm and exclaimed:

"I know you are not taking me to the ranch house! What do you mean by this?"

"Alle light—alle light," replied the Celestial as he hurried the horse forward.

"But it is not all right! Let me out at once!"

He seized her with one hand to hold her in the seat while he guided the horse with the other, but in the struggle the animal was reined into a tree, and the vehicle stuck fast. Then Lung Sing developed the plot that had been working in his brain ever since the moment he was told that he must drive over for the visitor.

With a fierce scowl on his face, in his pigeon English he ordered the girl to proceed in a certain direction. Forty rods beyond where she had left the buckboard there was a rocky bluff hidden under the cedars and in the bluff a cave of considerable dimensions. Upon entering the cave he tied the girl's hands and feet and then retraced his steps. The vehicle was backed off the brink of a gorge, the harness flung over it, and then the man led the horse into a thicket and cut its throat.

When he reappeared at the cave he unbound his victim and lay down on a flat stone at the mouth and told her his plans. He had heard of brigands and holdups and abductions. He had abducted her and would hold her captive until Colonel Spear was willing to come down with $5,000 in cash and promise not to set the law on his trail. He had been wondering for several years how he could make a grand coup, but fate had never aided him before. He knew the Chinese cook at Crescent ranch and through him could get provisions and open communication with the colonel. She would be well treated, but she would be held captive in the cave until results could be brought about.

Lung Sing rested on his right side and elbow as he told his story. The sun had got far in the west, and as it shone over the hill forming the roof of the cave it cast shadows down in front. As the story was finished, and it had been listened to without a word in reply, Lung Sing began to whistle. He had brought his plot safely thus far and felt that he had a right to whistle. As he whistled a new shadow appeared among the shadows. It fell upon the flat stone at the Chinaman's heels and was so clean cut that the girl drew in her breath at sight of it. She knew it for the head of a great cat. The head moved to and fro, and the ears worked backward and forward, and all the time the man lying there was whistling to himself. He may have wondered why the captive did not shed tears and appeal to his mercy, or he may have mentally praised her for the bold front she put on. She was ready enough to weep, and she would have appealed but for that shadow. It fascinated her and for the time being made her oblivious of her situation. Sometimes it disappeared for a moment, but always to reappear and to seem to grow larger and become more menacing. By and by Lung Sing ceased to whistle and said:

"I tie you up again and go away."

He had lifted himself off his elbow when there was a scream so fierce that the hills rang, and a tawny body alighted on the recumbent Chinaman, struggled with him for a moment, and then was gone from sight among the cedars. The girl rose up and stared, but Lung Sing was gone as well. The big mountain lion had carried him off as easily as a cat carries a mouse.

"Didn't I tell you?" said the foreman of the Star ranch at midnight that night when the girl had been found wandering on the plains and brought in by a searching party. "It isn't in the nature of a Chinaman to whistle. He just sulks and grunts. When you find him whistling, look out for him, for there'll be mischief to pay in some shape."

Steelyards Still Popular.

"It beats me," said a clerk in a hardware store, "how the old fashioned steelyards hold their own. I can remember how popular they were with certain farmers' wives when I was a boy in the country and what a delight it was to me to be allowed to try my hand at weighing a roll of butter or a bag of wool. But even then the women and children were the only persons who seemed to take much stock in steelyards. The tradesmen who bought our produce very flatly said that the figures represented by steelyards not only could but did tell lies, and they proceeded to weigh all our stuff over again on scales that were supposed to have the quality of truthfulness.

"Up to the present day steelyards have had the reputation of being unreliable, but in spite of their ill repute people still buy them. Just why so many householders and tradesmen retain their fondness for an antiquated style of weighing machine when there are so many new and approved patterns on the market is a puzzle, but even though mystified we keep a supply on hand for the benefit of those who stick to the old way of doing things."—New York Press.

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He went to the place appointed and found the committee assembled, but for a long time they took no notice of the young candidate, but continued talking vigorously together on various subjects. At last one of the lawyers, turning to him, said:

"Mr. Hay, what would you do if a client should come to you with such a case as this?" and proceeded to describe very elaborately a complicated legal case.

"I should ask for a retaining fee of $50," promptly replied Mr. Hay, "and tell him to call tomorrow."

"Mr. Hay, you are admitted," said the gentleman, and with a hearty laugh from all present the proceedings closed.

Knew He Was Worshiped.

"In Paris Mr. Whistler and an English painter got into a very turbulent argument about Velasquez at a studio tea," said an artist. "Mr. Whistler at one point in the argument praised himself extravagantly. The Englishman listening, sneered, and said at the end:

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The Little Reporter

[Original.]

It was Saturday night in St Petersburg. On the morrow the subjects of the white czar were to march to his palace to present a monster petition. In the office of the Fatherland the managing editor sat alone. The night force had not yet reported for work. A footstep was heard climbing the stairs, and presently a boy not more than fourteen years old came into the office.

"Are you the editor?" he asked.

"Yes, sonny. What can I do for you?"

"I thought that since there's to be trouble tomorrow you might need extra help."

"You think that you'd like to march at the head of the petitioners and receive the first fire of the troops?"

"The 'Little Father' will not let his soldiers fire on his people."

"Sonny, the people are deceived. This time tomorrow our streets will be drenched with blood."

"Well, my mother needs food, and I must make it for her any way I can. Shall I march with the petitioners tomorrow and send you copy?"

"You have worked in a newspaper office before."

"Yes."

"Come around in the morning, and I may find work for you to do in the office."

The next day the name Ivan Ivanovich was entered on the rolls of the Fatherland. It was Sunday morning and the excitement in the office was intense. The managing editor was in no good humor. Every reporter on the paper had sent in some excuse for not appearing for service. Little Ivan while carrying copy upstairs to the composing room, passing the sanctum heard his chief threatening to discharge every mother's son of them. The boy went in.

"Why can't I go out to report the march of the petitioners?" he asked.

"Get out of here!" snarled the editor. "Am I reduced to sending children out on assignments?"

The boy went on his way, and the editor went on growling at his reporters.

An hour later the children of the "Little Father" commenced their march. With a priest as their leader, without the slightest show of force, like a flock of sheep, they were going as humble suppliants. Walking in the throng was Ivan Ivanovich. He had taken a pencil and paper and, leaving the office without permission, hurried away to fill the gap left open by the nonappearance of the reporters. On marched the people, unopposed for a time, but presently a row of bristling bayonets appeared in the distance, and an officer was sent to order the petitioners to halt.

"We are going to see the "Little Father" to tell him of our wrongs. He doesn't know how his subordinates treat us. We are going to tell him."

The people, consisting of men, women and children, kept right on in the face of death. The little reporter, who had fallen behind while writing his report of the march, saw a boy about his own age running toward the rear. Ivan called to him and asked where he was going.

"I'm going to get out of this. The troops will fire with ball cartridges."

"Hold on a bit," said Ivan, and he wrote a few more words. "There it is," he added, "'with ball and cartridges.' Since you are going please take that to the office of the Fatherland."

The boy grasped the message and sped away. Ivan crammed his pad and pencil in his pocket and pushed through the crowd to the front. Just as he wriggled between those facing the troops there was a sound of many explosions, and a moment later the crowd where the boy stood looked like the edge of a field of grass over which the first sweep of a scythe had passed.

Half an hour later a surgeon took hold of the limp figure of a boy and, holding him up, asked:

"Are you hurt?"

"Yes, I am. I fear I shall not be able to get my copy in to the office. I haven't even written it out."

"Never mind your copy. If I can save you" –

"You can't, and since you can't you might save my copy for me."

The surgeon looked at the boy in amazement.

"I've sent an account of the march and had just come up in time to be in at the firing. I've written some notes for them to fill in at the office if I can only get them there. Can't you find a messenger for me, doctor?"

Meanwhile the managing editor of the Fatherland had picked up hearsay reports as the petitioners began to march and was sending them through the presses. A boy came in and laid a paper on his desk.

"What's this?" he asked.

"Ivan said it was copy." And he told how it had been given him by the young reporter. The editor listened, astonished, then sent the copy upstairs, with the order to "kill" what had gone before. Later a man came in with another batch of copy, or, rather, blood stained notes, on the firing on the people by the czar's troops. The editor filled it out himself and sent it to the printers.

Pathetic as was the story, more pathetic was the last arrival from the front at the office of the Fatherland. It was the body of the little reporter on a pushcart, sent in by the surgeon who had picked up Ivan. It was carried up to the editorial sanctum and laid on a writing table. There, covered with flowers, it was visited by hundreds who had heard of the boy's heroism.

MARY P. WINSTON.

When the State Fixed Hotel Prices.

Before, during and for a time after the Revolutionary war the courts of the commonwealth used to fix the prices of tavern board and liquor, so when the sojourning stranger from afar struck Richmond he could pretty nearly know what "horse feed and breakfast" cost. There was also an assize of bread as well as of drink. The price of bread was regulated by the price of wheat. A fourpenny white loaf, a twopenny white loaf, a fourpenny brick loaf and a fourpenny brown loaf had each to weigh so much, according as they had other ingredients mixed with flour. In those days a "Boston biscuit" costing 1 cent had to weigh six ounces and two drams and so on. The connection between a loaf of bread and sixty pounds of wheat at so much per bushel has grown beyond the grasp of the modern mind. However, in the old time in Virginia the custom of regulating the price, or, rather, the weight, of a loaf of bread by the price of the wheat of which it was made was universal. So far as liquor was concerned, the courts used to fix not only the price of a single drink, a quart or a gallon of the stuff, but also "a gorum of punch."—Richmond Dispatch.

When Friends Are Enemies.

"One of our greatest troubles is to prevent patients from being killed by kindness," said a trained nurse in one of the public hospitals. "On visiting days, when relations or friends are admitted, we have in many cases to exercise extreme vigilance. The amount of improper, even dangerous, food which one ablebodied relative can smuggle in under cover of a satchel or a voluminous cloak is almost incredible.

"Only a few weeks ago I captured and carried away from the bed of a convalescent typhoid case a pasteboard box containing two big green pickles and a piece of exceptionally rich cocoanut cake. It was the boy's mother who brought the dainties, and presumably she did not wish to shorten her son's days in the land.

"This sort of thing is of frequent occurrence in a hospital. It is strangely illustrative of how little the average man or woman understands the delicate mechanism of the stomach and stomachic disease."—New York Press.

The Great Eastern.

The Great Eastern was 680 feet long, 83 feet beam, 28 feet draft when loaded, 23,000 tonnage, paddle engines 1,000 horsepower nominal; screw engines, 1,700 horsepower nominal. She was commenced to be built at Millwall in the spring of 1854 and was launched after many difficulties on Jan. 30, 1858. The history of the Great Eastern was from the first financially an unfortunate one. She made several voyages to the United States at a great loss to her owners, but in 1865 and 1866 she somewhat redeemed her character by successfully laying the Atlantic cable. Subsequently, owing to her vast size, she was instrumental in laying most of the important cables across the Atlantic, in the Mediterranean, through the Red sea, etc. In 1888 she was sold at auction in Liverpool to be broken up, bringing the sum of $280,720.—London Globe.

The Human Body's Tireless Organs.

Man has within him a stationary engine called his heart, which, with its veins and arteries, constitutes a perfect system of hydraulics, compared with which man's best work is clumsy, intricate and wasteful. The lungs are a working bellows, the most perfect method of sanitary ventilation. The stomach is a working vat of marvelous perfection. The brain is a wondrous condenser, and the skin is a great working evaporator, with reserve automatic appliances, ready for extra work in moments of need. All these are in action at all times, day and night, tireless, unceasing, self winding and repairing, for seventy years or more.

Dramatic Deaths.

What is a dramatic death? Of course the most dramatic death ever recorded was that of Placul, who dropped dead while paying a bill. Then there was the death of Fabius, who was choked by a hair in some milk, that of Louis VI, who met his doom because a pig ran under his horse and caused him to stumble, that of Saufeius, who was poisoned by the albumen in a soft boiled egg, and that of Zeuxis, who died from laughter at sight of a hag he had painted.

Her Feet Too.

"That new saleslady," said the blond at the ribbon counter, "has false hair and teeth."

"Yes," replied the brunette, who condescended to sell handkerchiefs occasionally, "and it seems that's not the only thing. I heard her complaining that she hadn't had a chance to get off her feet all day."

She Works at Home.

Hicks—I understand Mrs. Bias has learned how to keep her husband at home. Wicks—Nonsense! Bias is out with "the boys" nearly every night. Hicks—You misunderstand me. I mean the work she does at home keeps him. She's a dressmaker, you know.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Unavailing Pursuit.

"Don't be so sweeping in your judgments. There's that prominent man I mentioned just now, who I am sure has always pursued an upright life."

"That may be, but he's never caught up with it."—Baltimore American.

Sarcastic.

First Medical Man—My practice has doubled since I came to this town. Second Medical Man—Oh, so you have got another patient?

The absent are like children—helpless to defend themselves.—Reade.

The Lost Locket

[Original.]

If you who read this were to pause here until you had guessed my occupation I fear you would never read my story. I could give you a thousand guesses and I don't believe they would be sufficient.

I am a professional finder.

During shopping hours I saunter about in front of the stores where they sell the most expensive goods and watch for people, mostly ladies, to drop articles, which I pick up and for the return of which I claim a reward.

Not a very exalted profession, you will say, yet I will show how it may result in making people happy, for it is best that lost articles should fall into the hands of one who makes it her business to return them.

One day I saw a young and very pretty girl get into a carriage, and as she did so a delicate gold chain she wore about her neck caught on some projection, broke and dropped in the gutter. I picked it up immediately after the lady had been driven away. Attached to it was a gold locket, on one side of which was an embossed star with five points, each point studded with a small diamond, a large diamond in the center. On the other side was a single large ruby. I opened it, and on the inside was a photograph vignette of a young man.

I left an advertisement describing it with a prominent newspaper, to appear in the issue of the next morning. The next evening I received a note from its owner informing me that if I would bring it to her I would be very liberally rewarded. I never hurry in such matters knowing that the longer missing articles are being restored the more anxious the owners will be about them, and the more liberal the reward. In this case, however, I resolved to return the locket the next day.

The next morning I received another note, asking me to bring the locket to an entirely different address from the first. I wrote to each to ask what would be the reward if the locket was returned. The lady replied urging me to call upon her at once. She implored me not to dispose of the locket to any one else. The writer of the second note wrote in a man's hand that the article had a very large intrinsic value to him and intimated that I might name my own price.

I resolved to see the lady first and called at the address, which I found to be a handsome residence. I found the young lady whom I had seen drive away in her carriage. She was entirely unable to conceal her anxiety to get possession of the locket and asked me what reward would induce me to return it. I told her I could the better make up my mind if she would confide the reason why she so eagerly desired it. She looked very much confused, but would not tell me. Then I told her that I was in some doubt as to the ownership, since another had answered my advertisement. This excited her beyond measure, the blood mounted to her cheeks, and she was greatly distressed. She begged me to tell her something of the other claimant, but I would give her no information and left without making any promises.

I next called at the office of the man who had written me. I was shown into a private room, a man entered and shut the door behind him. I no sooner looked at him than I recognized the original of the photograph in the locket. I sparred with him for delay, and he finally asked me point blank:

"Was there a photograph in it?"

"There was," I replied.

"Describe it," he said eagerly.

I purposely described another man. His face fell at once. I have never seen more keenly depicted disappointment.

"That will do," he said and told me to deliver the locket at the house where the owner lived.

"No," I replied, "I will not do that."

"Then I will give you any price for it in order that I may send it there myself. It cost $500. I will give you $1,000."

"Come to my apartments at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon," I said, "and you shall have my decision."

As soon as I reached home I wrote the young lady to meet me there, fixing her appointment a quarter of an hour before that of the man. She came punctually, and it was one of the most trying acts of my life to make excuses to delay her, as I purposed, till the arrival of the man. At 4 o'clock I had them in separate rooms and a few minutes later ushered both into my drawing room. They stood looking at each other in mute astonishment while I opened the locket, holding it before each in turn. As soon as the man caught sight of his photograph his expression changed from hauteur to delight. The blood rushed into the girl's cheeks, and she covered her face with her hands.

"Elsie," he said, "when we quarreled it was agreed that you should keep this locket, and you angrily told me that when you became again engaged it would do for your lover's picture."

The girl made no reply. It was perfectly plain that she had been wearing her lover's likeness about her neck. I laid the locket on a table and left the room. After awhile I heard them depart. I went into the room they had left, and there where I had placed the locket was a check for $1,500. I never saw or heard of either of them again but do not doubt that they were married soon after the episode that had reunited them.

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